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*via electronic filing*

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of *Ex Parte*  
Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology  
CG Docket No. 16-145, GN Docket No. 15-178

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 10:09 am ET, Daudeline Meme of Commissioner Clyburn's office called Drew Simshaw, staff attorney with the Institute for Public Representation (IPR), Georgetown Law, counsel to Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI), with questions regarding the above referenced proceedings. Also on December 13, 2013, Ms. Meme called Christian Vogler of Gallaudet University Technology Access Program, Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH-RERC), and Gregg Vanderheiden of Trace Center at the University of Maryland, Universal Interface and Information Technology Access Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (UIITA-RERC), at 1:17 pm ET with questions regarding the same proceedings, and again at 4:53 pm ET for further clarification. In accordance with 47 CFR 1.1206(b), these communications took place under sunshine exemptions enumerated in 47 CFR 1.203(a)(1) and 47 CFR 1.204(a)(10).

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During the calls, in response to Ms. Meme's questions, we referenced points expressed in our notice of *ex parte* filed on December 9, 2016 in the same dockets.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, we highlighted comments regarding the essential nature of certain RTT implementation requirements, while reiterating the importance of a robust framework for the TTY to RTT transition that includes an implementation timeline that meets both consumer and industry needs, as well as appropriate flexibility for certain specific requirements pertaining to wireless RTT. We also reiterated that our top priority is seeing that the Commission takes advantage of the significant efforts, consensus-building, and compromises that have taken place throughout this proceeding by wireless carriers, industry stakeholders, consumers, academics, and the Commission, to ensure that RTT is interoperable and available to all users.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Drew Simshaw

Institute for Public Representation

*Counsel to TDI*

CC (by email):Daudeline Meme

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<sup>1</sup> See TDI Notice of *Ex Parte*, Dkts. 16-145, 15-178 (Dec. 9, 2016).